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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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The Committee Amendment replaces the original bill and applies specified provisions of the Tort Claims Act to receiving facilities and their employees. It requires that those facilities guarantee the rights of patients and requires the State, within available resources, to reimburse facilities for certain start-up costs.

The Senate Amendment clarifies that the obligation of reimbursing facilities for start-up costs is limited to the available resources of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

LD 1864 An Act Allowing Day Care Centers to Use Cloth Diapers PUBLIC 723

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CATHCART LARRIVEE	OTP-AM	H-863

SUMMARY

The bill supercedes rules adopted by the Department of Human Services which prohibit the use of cloth diapers in day care facilities. The bill requires the rules to allow cloth diapers if a day care facility employs a diaper laundering service approved by the Department.

Committee Amendment "A" adds that the rules must require the laundering service to be endorsed by a national accrediting organization and must specify the type of diaper covers which must be used.

LD 1872 An Act Concerning Patient Access to Medical Records PUBLIC 666

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES	OTP-AM	H-754

SUMMARY

The bill limits the fees charged by physicians, surgeons and chiropractors for medical reports and copies of medical records to reasonable costs incurred.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the original bill and limits the fees charged, by all health care practitioners, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24, Section 2502, subsection 1-A for medical reports and copies of medical records.

LD 1875 An Act to Repeal Hospital Assessments Used to Fund State Programs PUBLIC 909

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J COLLINS CURRAN RYDELL	OTP-AM	H-1005 MANNING H-976

SUMMARY

The original bill repeals the hospital excise tax.

The Committee Amendment makes the repeal effective June 30, 1992.

The House Amendment adds a fiscal note.